REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	19 August 1997
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Professional Killers: An Inside Look
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Loompanics Unlimited
Author:	Burt Rapp
Format:	Book
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The book entitled *Professional Killers: An Inside Look* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The book tends to promote and support the infliction of extreme violence. It contains a large amount of information regarding specific methods of inflicting fatal injury. The Classification Office sought expert assistance to confirm the accuracy of this information. The Office views the information the book contains as instructional. It is presented in a highly accessible format. In a consultation, the Chief Legal Adviser for the New Zealand Police Force expressed concern about the availability of this information, and stated that in his opinion the book would be likely to attract interest from individuals or groups with a potential for violent crime. The book also frequently demonstrates an admiration and enthusiasm for successful professional killing.

The Classification Office considered the possibility of restricting this book to a particular audience for a particular purpose. However, the police representative was of the clear opinion that this book would have no legitimate purpose.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) protects the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form. However, this book falls under one of the deeming provisions of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (the FVPC Act). The deeming provisions of the FVPC Act override s14 of the NZBR Act.

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